

**MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 23, 2007
6:30 P.M.**

The Murray City Council met in regular session on Thursday, August 23, 2007, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, with Mayor Rushing presiding.

Council Members Present: Danny Hudspeth, Dan Miller, Jason Pittman, Pete Lancaster, Jeremy Bell, Linda Cherry, Robert Billington, David Ramey, Jane Brandon, Butch Sargent, Pat Scott, and Bill Wells.

Council Members Absent: Butch Sargent..

Staff Present: Ken Claud, Michael Skinner, J. L. Barnett, David Roberts, Candace Dowdy, Thomas Clendenen, Dennis Thompson, Philip Morris, Don Rogers, Carol Roberts, Matt Mattingly, Gail Mullins, Harla McClure, and Warren Hopkins.

Mayor Rushing entertained a motion to open the Public Hearing to hear comments concerning the proposed tax rate for 2007. **Dr. Miller moved, seconded by Mr. Pittman** to open the public hearing. With no discussion, Mayor Rushing called for the voice vote which was unanimous in favor of the motion.

With no comments made, Mayor Rushing entertained a motion to close the public hearing. **Mr. Scott moved, seconded by Dr. Miller** to close the public hearing. With no discussion, Mayor Rushing called for the voice vote which was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Minutes of the council meeting held August 9, 2007, were presented for approval. **Mr. Lancaster moved, seconded by Mr. Bell**, to approve the minutes as written. With no discussion, Mayor Rushing called for a voice vote, which was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Mayor Rushing recognized Pat Harrington. Ms. Harrington was present to inform the council and the citizens of Murray that it is time again to file the application for the 100 Best Communities. She invited all council members to assist the committee with completing the application.

Mayor Rushing recognized Robert Billington, Chairman of the Public Works Committee and requested that he provide a report. Mr. Billington stated that the committee met to discuss bids for a chipper for the street department. He stated that the council will need to declare the current chipper as surplus and it will be traded in for \$4,500. Mr. Billington stated the following bids were reviewed:

BIDDER	BID	TRADE-IN ALLOWANCE	TOTAL BID MINUS TRADE- IN
MUNICIPAL EQUIPMENT	NO BID		
CMI EQUIPMENT	NO BID		
POWERTECH EQUIPMENT	\$34,928.50	\$4,500.00	\$30,428.50

Mr. Billington moved, as unanimously recommended by the Public Works Committee, to accept the bid from Powertech Equipment of \$34,928.50 minus the trade-in value of \$4,500, for a total cost of \$30,428.50 for the chipper. **Dr. Miller seconded the motion.** With no further discussion, Mayor Rushing called for the voice vote which was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Mayor Rushing recognized Danny Hudspeth, Chairman of the Public Safety Committee, and requested that he provide a report. Mr. Hudspeth stated that the committee had received a request to lower the speed limit on North 20th Street to 25 mph. He stated that the committee denied the request to reduce the speed limit; however, they will continue to look at the speed limit for the entire City.

He stated that the committee also discussed recommending an ordinance to the council closing a portion of Broach Avenue. Mr. Hudspeth stated that Murray State University had approached the City in 2001 to close this portion of the road due to construction of the new science building. Mr. Hudspeth stated that the committee voted unanimously to recommend the ordinance to the council for approval.

Mayor Rushing recognized Bill Wells, Chairman of the Finance/Personnel Committee and requested that he provide a report. Mr. Wells stated the committee met to discuss text amendments to the City of Murray Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual as well as to the Anti-Drug and Alcohol Policy. Mr. Well stated the committee voted unanimously to recommend the approval of the changes to the council.

Ordinance Number 2007-1446 (first reading) an ordinance levying an ad valorem tax in the City of Murray, Kentucky for the year 2007 upon all property in the City of Murray as shown by the Calloway County Assessment as of January 1, 2007 was presented to the council on a first

reading. **Mr. Pittman moved, seconded by Mr. Billington** to approve said ordinance. With no discussion, Mayor Rushing called for the roll call vote which is recorded as follows:

AYES: Danny Hudspeth, Pete Lancaster, Jason Pittman, Jeremy Bell, Jane Brandon, Linda Cherry, Robert Billington, David Ramey, Dan Miller, Pat Scott, and Bill Wells.

NAYS: None.

Mayor Rushing declared Ordinance Number 2007-1446 approved on a first reading.

Ordinance Number 2007-1447 (first reading) an ordinance levying an ad valorem tax in the City of Murray, Kentucky for the year 2008 upon all motor vehicles and watercraft in the City of Murray, Kentucky was presented to the council on a first reading. **Mr. Lancaster moved, seconded by Mr. Pittman** to approve said ordinance. With no discussion, Mayor Rushing called for the roll call vote which is recorded as follows:

AYES: Danny Hudspeth, Pete Lancaster, Jason Pittman, Jeremy Bell, Jane Brandon, Linda Cherry, Robert Billington, David Ramey, Dan Miller, Pat Scott, and Bill Wells.

NAYS: None.

Mayor Rushing declared Ordinance Number 2007-1447 approved on a first reading.

Ordinance Number 2007-1448 (first reading) an ordinance amending Ordinance Number 2007-1442 which adopted the annual budget for the fiscal year 2007-2008 by estimating revenues and appropriating funds for the operations of city government, by increasing the Sanitation Operating Budget by \$3,000 to reclassify an employee from Equipment Operator III to Equipment Operator IV. Said amendment will cover the increase in salary, benefits, and overtime was presented to the council on a first reading. **Mr. Wells moved, seconded by Mr. Bell** to approve said ordinance. With no discussion, Mayor Rushing called for the roll call vote which is recorded as follows:

AYES: Danny Hudspeth, Pete Lancaster, Jason Pittman, Jeremy Bell, Jane Brandon, Linda Cherry, Robert Billington, David Ramey, Dan Miller, Pat Scott, and Bill Wells.

NAYS: None.

Mayor Rushing declared Ordinance Number 2007-1448 approved on a first reading.

Ordinance Number 2007-1449 (first reading) an ordinance amending Ordinance Number 2007-1442 which adopted the annual budget for the fiscal year 2007-2008 by estimating revenues and appropriating funds for the operations of city government, by creating a Special Appropriation for the City of Murray Tourism Commission in the amount of \$30,000 was presented to the council on a first reading. The funds are intended to assist them with setting up their offices in the Miller Annex. **Mr. Billington moved, seconded by Mr. Lancaster** to approve said

ordinance. With no discussion, Mayor Rushing called for the roll call vote which is recorded as follows:

AYES: Danny Hudspeth, Pete Lancaster, Jason Pittman, Jeremy Bell, Jane Brandon, Linda Cherry, Robert Billington, David Ramey, Dan Miller, Pat Scott, and Bill Wells.

NAYS: None.

Mayor Rushing declared Ordinance Number 2007-1449 approved on a first reading.

Ordinance Number 2007-1450 (first reading) an ordinance closing a portion of Broach Avenue was presented to the council on a first reading. **Mr. Hudspeth moved, seconded by Mr. Scott** to approve said ordinance. With no further discussion, Mayor Rushing called for the roll call vote which is recorded as follows:

AYES: Danny Hudspeth, Pete Lancaster, Jason Pittman, Jeremy Bell, Jane Brandon, Linda Cherry, Robert Billington, David Ramey, Dan Miller, Pat Scott, and Bill Wells.

NAYS: None.

Mayor Rushing declared Ordinance Number 2007-1450 approved on a first reading.

Declare as Surplus a Bandit 250 Disc Chipper, serial number 1B0551 which is currently being used by the City of Murray Street Department. The chipper, if declared surplus, will be traded in on the purchase of the new chipper approved previously. **Mr. Billington moved, seconded by Mr. Bell** to declare the Bandit 250 Disc Chipper as surplus so that it may be traded in. With no further discussion, Mayor Rushing called for a voice vote which was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Municipal Order 2007-014 recommending various text amendments to the City of Murray Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual was presented to the council for approval. **Mr. Pittman moved, seconded by Mr. Wells** to approve said municipal order. With no further discussion, Mayor Rushing called for the voice vote which was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Municipal Order 2007-015 recommending various text amendments to the City of Murray Anti-Drug and Alcohol Policy was presented to the council for approval. **Mr. Lancaster moved, seconded by Mr. Billington** to approve said municipal order. With no further discussion, Mayor Rushing called for the voice vote which was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Municipal Order 2007-016 reappointing Chris Clark to the Architectural Review Board for a three year term to expire August 24, 2010 was presented to the council for approval. **Mr. Billington moved, seconded by Mr. Pittman** to approve said recommendation. With no further

discussion, Mayor Rushing called for the voice vote which was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Municipal Order 2007-017 reappointing Stan Henley to the Architectural Review Board for a three year term to expire August 24, 2010 was presented to the council for approval. **Mr. Pittman moved, seconded by Mr. Hudspeth** to approve said recommendation. With no further discussion, Mayor Rushing called for the voice vote which was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Bill Wells provided the following information on the 62nd Make a Difference Day held on August 4, 2007: 320 pairs of eyeglasses; 100 gallons of oil; 98 inkjet cartridges; 1000 pounds of clothes; 1200 pounds of aluminum cans; 88 cell phones; 3800 pounds of glass; 150 batteries; and 20 pounds of paper; with a total of 401 cars.

Mr. Billington wanted to thank the state for placing rumble strips on 94 West. He asked if we could see if the state would also place those strips other side as you are going east.

With no further business to come before the council, the meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

H. Thomas Rushing, Mayor

Attest:

Harla McClure, City Clerk